Mayor Kristen Brown called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Rick Herman from First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Aaron Hankins and James Lienhoop were present.
- D. Tim Shuffett moved to accept the minutes from the July 2, 2012 City Council meeting. Frank Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).
- E. Frank Jerome moved to suspend proceedings taking the Request for Tax Abatement out of order to be heard prior to Unfinished Business. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2012, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7." (Itsuwa USA, LLC) Mary Ferdon, Community Development Director, along with Brad Crump and Akira Hayashi representing Itsuwa USA, LLC, presented this Resolution. Itsuwa USA, LLC, requested a tax abatement for real and personal property in the total amount of \$1,934,475.00, in conjunction with an expansion of its current facility at 1349 Arcadia Dr., Columbus, Indiana. Itsuwa USA, LLC, is an automotive parts manufacturing business and they plan to expand the facility by 14,800 sq. ft. to accommodate installation of a new conveyor line. Itsuwa USA, LLC, currently have 30 employees and plan to add 12 new jobs offering a competitive pay scale and fringe benefits. Production in the newly expanded area should begin in June of 2013. Jason Hester, Economic Development Board Director, commended Itsuwa USA, LLC, for plans to expand their workforce by forty percent. Jim Lienhoop indicated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the Council meeting and found Itsuwa USA, LLC, to be in substantial compliance. Jim Lienhoop moved to adopt the Resolution. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 21, 2012, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 2.50 OF THE

COLUMBUS CITY CODE, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY." Jeff Logston, Director of Operations and Finance, presented this Ordinance. Jeff discussed this Ordinance, as presented, most accurately reflects the operations of the City. Frank Miller moved to amend this Ordinance by striking paragraph C which reads:

"The Mayor by delegation from the Board of Public Works and Safety shall have control of the day to day operations of the above departments. The Board of Public Works and Safety is delegated all authority for the approval of claims."

Frank Jerome seconded the motion to amend by striking paragraph C. Motion to amend Ordinance passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0). Discussion followed regarding the procedure of how the paragraph will be eliminated. Jeff explained the Ordinance will be printed and paragraph C will be omitted; therefore, realigning the remaining paragraphs in alphabetical order. A motion to pass the second reading and adopt the amended Ordinance was made by Frank Jerome and seconded by Frank Miller. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

- B. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2012, AN ORDINANCE EFFECTIVELY AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AND REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY BY AMENDING THE ZONING CONDITIONS AT A LOCATION DESIGNATED AS "RMc" (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL WITH CONDITIONS)." (Spruce Ridge Rezoning). Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this rezoning Ordinance by displaying a map of the area being discussed. Jeff stated this is a request by Hickory Investors, LLC, for approximately twenty (20) acres. Jeff explained the zoning remains the same, which is RMc (Residential Multi-Family with Conditions); the proposal is to amend the conditions that are attached to the rezoning, which include limitation of the property to an assisted living and/or retirement facility. Jeff stated the new proposal is to build an apartment complex. He also stated the Plan Commission voted unanimously in favor of this rezoning, nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed. Jeff Bush, representing Hickory Investors, LLC, was present at the meeting to answer any questions. Frank Miller questioned whether the requests from Terrace Lake Lot Owners had been met. The concerns from Terrace Lake Lot Owners have been resolved. Discussion followed. Tim Shuffett moved to approve this second reading and adopt the Ordinance. Ryan Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0). Jim Lienhoop abstained from voting.
- C. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 23, 2012, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 20, SECTION .080; POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS." Deputy Chief Todd Harry with the Columbus Police Department presented this Ordinance. Deputy Chief Harry stated this would supplement manpower to the Police Department. He explained they would target retired police officers who are already trained and said there would be minimal costs to the City. Discussion followed. A member of the audience questioned the possibility of moral issues in the department. Deputy Chief Harry stated they have received positive feedback from current officers. Tim Shuffett moved to pass the second reading and adopt the Ordinance. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).
- D. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2012, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET 2012." Luann Welmer, City Clerk

Treasurer, presented this Ordinance by stating the additional appropriation would allow the Chief Deputy Clerk Treasurer an increase in salary. Tim Shuffett moved to approve the second reading and adopt the Ordinance. Frank Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.

E. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 25, 2012, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2012 (ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2011) 2012 SALARY ORDINANCE." Luann Welmer presented this Ordinance. Luann explained the proposed amendment to the Salary Ordinance would bring the rate of pay to be more consistent with other Chief Deputy positions and others who are second in command within the city. Tim Shuffett made a motion to approve the second reading and adopt the Ordinance. Frank Jerome seconded the motion to adopt. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports none.
- B. Columbus resident, Tom Heller, gave a power point presentation regarding various options for recycling in the community.
- C. Kelly Benjamin, City Attorney, discussed the City's smoking Ordinance in comparison to the new state statute. Kelly presented both documents by highlighting the differences between the city code and state statute. She stated the City's Ordinance could either be amended or repealed. Much discussion followed. Kelly recommended repealing the City Ordinance and following the state statute. Council members agreed with Kelly's recommendation. This item will be placed on the Agenda for the next Council meeting on August 7, 2012.
- D. Jeff Logston, Director of Operations and Finance, presented an update on the ambulance proposals. He displayed actual expenses, based on data provided by Columbus Regional Hospital, and compared those costs to estimates from the Columbus Fire Department. Jeff pointed out several large discrepancies between the two proposals. Discussion followed. Frank Jerome, Council member appointed to the Emergency Ambulance Board, stated the Board is still collecting data. Frank commented that he felt the Council did not have a passion to take on the financial expense associated with equipping the Fire Department with the ambulance service if there are other alternatives available. Dave Allmon, President of the Local Fire Fighters Union, discussed the passion of the current firefighters and their desire to help the community. Dave also explained the history of the ambulance service. Fire Chief Joel Thacker discussed the level of care provided by the Columbus Fire Department. Much discussion followed. Mayor Brown asked for feedback from the Council. Ryan Brand stated a zero subsidy would be his first position, and said he felt some concern about the forthcoming budget process and taking on a new service. Aaron Hankins would like there to be zero subsidy for this service. Jim Lienhoop concurred, by stating a zero subsidy would be preferred; however, he understands there is more information to be gathered and can't say what his preference would be. Frank Miller would like to delay the deadline for the final decision to allow more time to gather information and meet with providers. Frank Jerome stated the Emergency Ambulance Board is asking for additional time. Susan Fye, Board of Public Works and Safety member, stated the Board has been working on this process since February and she doesn't think delaying the decision will matter. Mayor Brown stated no further information will be forthcoming from Columbus Regional Hospital. Some members of the audience spoke. Much discussion followed.

- E. Jim Lienhoop discussed an update on the sports complex bond repurposing. He stated a committee was formed and have met several times. He explained that two individuals, with building maintenance experience, had the opportunity to visit many of the city's facilities and presented the committee with a list of repair and improvement opportunities. Department heads have also provided the committee with updated information. A contract has been approved for Taylor Brothers to assess additional buildings for maintenance and repair issues. Jim proposed placing this matter on the Council Agenda for some time in August.
- F. Jim Lienhoop, on behalf of several Council members, inquired as to the status of the hearing regarding Fire Fighter, Gary Henderson, which is to be heard by the Board of Public Works and Safety. Kelly Benjamin explained the hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 26, which is a hearing to bring evidence forward before the Board of Public Works and Safety. She stated witnesses would testify to any documents and information that come forward. Kelly read the violations against Mr. Henderson, which include: misappropriation of funds, violation of public trust, conduct unbecoming an officer, theft of city property, violation of laws which affect the city, unauthorized use of materials, supplies, etc., carelessness or negligence, and failure to follow established procedures. Discussion followed.
- G. Next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **August 7**, **2012 at 6:00** o'clock P.M. in City Hall.
- H. Tim Shuffett moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0). Meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

	Presiding Officer	
Attest:		
Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus		